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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF CASHEW
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production and domestic consumption of cashew in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum and value of its export and import during the said period, countrywise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to assist/promote the cashew industry and to boost production/export of cashew along with research conducted to increase its per hectare production;

(d) whether the Government has received requests from various quarters for setting up of Cashew Boards in the country; and

(e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The state-wise production of cashew in the country during the last three years, is given below.

Production (Quantity in MT)

State	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Maharashtra	223000	224640	236200
Andhra Pradesh	110000	118144	100420
Odisha	97000	100840	85710
Kerala	73000	76960	80120
Tamil Nadu	68000	62400	67390
Others	13200	145490	166720
Total	692000	728474	736560

Source: Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development

Production data for the current year i.e. 2014-15, will be available after February, 2015. State-wise data on consumption of cashew kernel is not available.

(b) The quantum and value of cashew export and import during the last three years and current year, country-wise is given below:

(i) Export of cashew kernels country-wise (top 5 destination):

Quantity in MT/Value in Rs.Crs.

	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-15# (April- May)	
Countries	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
U.S.A	47611	1470.47	33898	1505.80	30106	1236.17	17.62	0.08
U.A.E	14173	606.105	17437	788.84	13625	550.18	9.52	0.04
Netherlands	11515	365.56	9934	424.26	8589	341.24	5.09	0.02
Saudi Arabia	5135	207.008	7195	326.20	5862	231.34	4.48	0.01
Japan	7055	237.451	6703	311.62	6370	274.10	5.51	0.02
Others	45379	1497	39937	1706	35553	1413	31.73	0.13
Total	130869	4383.82	115104	5062.76	100105	4046.23	73.95	0.3

Source: Cashew Export Promotion Council of India
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(ii) Import of cashewnut during the last three years, country-wise (top 5 destination):

Quantity in MT/Value in Rs.Crs.

	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014	
Countries	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
Ivory Coast	181265	1058.45	268306	1367.11	209201	1058.09
Guinea Bissau	136384	1046.20	109627	764.90	114701	676.32
Tanzania	60011	442.18	145107	1052.26	111935	892.17
Benin	122301	791.37	154834	871.53	103979	608.16
Ghana	128361	787.62	83810	465.89	96343	524.83
Others	181504	1213.00	130681	810.00	135197	804.00
Total	809825	5338.64	892365.23	5331.74	771356	4563.99

Source: Cashew Export Promotion Council of India

(c) In order to promote Cashew export, the Government has been continuously assisting the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India through Five Year Plans. In the XI Five Year Plan, the Cashew Export Promotion Council of India was provided an assistance of Rs.9.02 crore for upgrading processing facilities. Similarly, for the XII Five Year Plan (2012-2017) the CEPCI has been sanctioned Rs.26 crores for modernization, diversification, Process Mechanization, Automation of Cashew Processing Units, quality up-gradation and Food Safety Certifications. In addition, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to State for Development Export infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojana, Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence etc. to boost export of agri products which includes cashew industry also.

As regard steps to boost production of cashew, various cashew development programmes being implemented under NHM for the last three years and the current year are:

(a) New plantation development of cashew with high yielding varieties

(b) Replanting of old and senile gardens owned by Corporations with high yielding varieties.

(c) Rejuvenation of existing cashew plantations by adopting improved farming practices.

(d) Technology demonstration in farmers field & institutional farms.

(e) Production and distribution of planting materials by promoting model cashew nurseries and its accreditation.

(f) Publicity for crop promotion and technology dissemination.

(g) Training Programme for farmers and extension workers on new technologies.

Research on increasing productivity of cashew is been conducted by the Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, Karnataka under ICAR and cashew research stations at State Agricultural Universities.

(d)&(e) During the last one year, no fresh request was received for setting up of a Cashew Board. Earlier, since, the Ministry of Agriculture has not agreed to the merger of the Directorate of Cashewnut & Cocoa and Cashew Export Promotion Council of India and as the Cashew Industry too was not in favour of a Cashew Board, the Government had decided to drop the proposal to set up a separate Cashew Board.